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10 March 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Contract Branch, PD/OL

ATTENTION:

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SUBJECT: Contracts for the 70mm Rear Projection Stereo Viewer

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1. The PIC Research and Development Board has allocated [redacted] for the further development of a 70mm rear projection stereo viewer. Three competent companies working in this field were contacted to submit informal proposals for the subject viewer. After due consideration by the Research and Development Board of PIC, it has been recommended that the contract be awarded to [redacted]

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The following is a summary of the proposals:

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a. On 16 January 1959 [redacted] submitted an initial proposal for the subject viewer consisting of three alternatives. Proposal A was to the amount of [redacted] Proposal B, for the amount of [redacted] and on 22 January 1959, Proposal C was submitted to the amount of [redacted] Proposal C did not include sufficient estimated cost for the lenses. An additional [redacted] would be necessary for the purchase of proper lenses which would bring the actual estimate for Proposal C to [redacted]

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b. On 24 February 1959 the [redacted] submitted a proposal for the subject projector. Their estimated cost of the prototype was [redacted] Their proposal was not accompanied by engineering drawings nor did it include specific details as to the construction of the machine.

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c. On 24 February 1959 [redacted] submitted their proposal for subject device. The amount of the bid was for [redacted] five dollars below the allowance for this project. A copy of their proposal is attached.

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2. The proposal of [redacted] was recommended because they were firm on their prototype cost, but they stayed within budget allowance as well. In addition, their proposal gave three different magnifications (10X, 15X, and 22X) to be included in the design of the prototype. However, they are only including one set of lenses with the prototype.

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STATINTL 3. All three companies were approached in identical fashion
STATINTL and were each given the basic idea to work with. [REDACTED]
STATINTL [REDACTED] had built the original bread-board model for [REDACTED]
STATINTL who is the inventor of this device. It is the considered opinion of
STATINTL this Center that [REDACTED] proposal was the
best proposal of the three.

4. Your assistance in expediting the contractual arrangements
for the procurement of this equipment will be greatly appreciated.

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[REDACTED]
Chief, Administrative Staff, PIC

Attachment:

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Requisition No. TIED/PIC-93/59
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